

REMARKS

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2005. In this Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1 to 15 based upon informalities in claims 1 and 9 and suggested amendment of these claims which amendments are made above. The Examiner also rejected claims 9 to 15 and 21 to 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite. Although the Examiner did not propose amendments to claims 9 and 21, these claims are amended generally following the recommendations regarding amendment of claims 1 and 9. Finally, claims 16 to 20 and 25 to 27 were allowed.

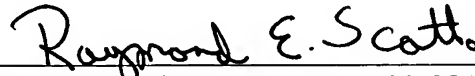
The Applicants thanks Examiner Omgba for his indication of the allowability of all of the claims if amended to overcome the objections and rejections above. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims above place this application in condition for allowance and allowance is therefore respectfully requested. There is also attached a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of an International Search Report relating to the corresponding Patent Cooperative Treaty application. However, all of the references cited in the International Search Report are cited as documents "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance." Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees

or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Amendment. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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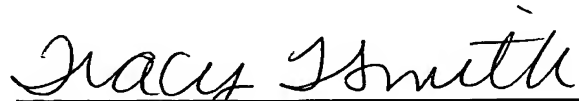


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I hereby certify that the enclosed **Amendment** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label No. **EV612876198US** and addressed to **Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on **May 19, 2005**.


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